

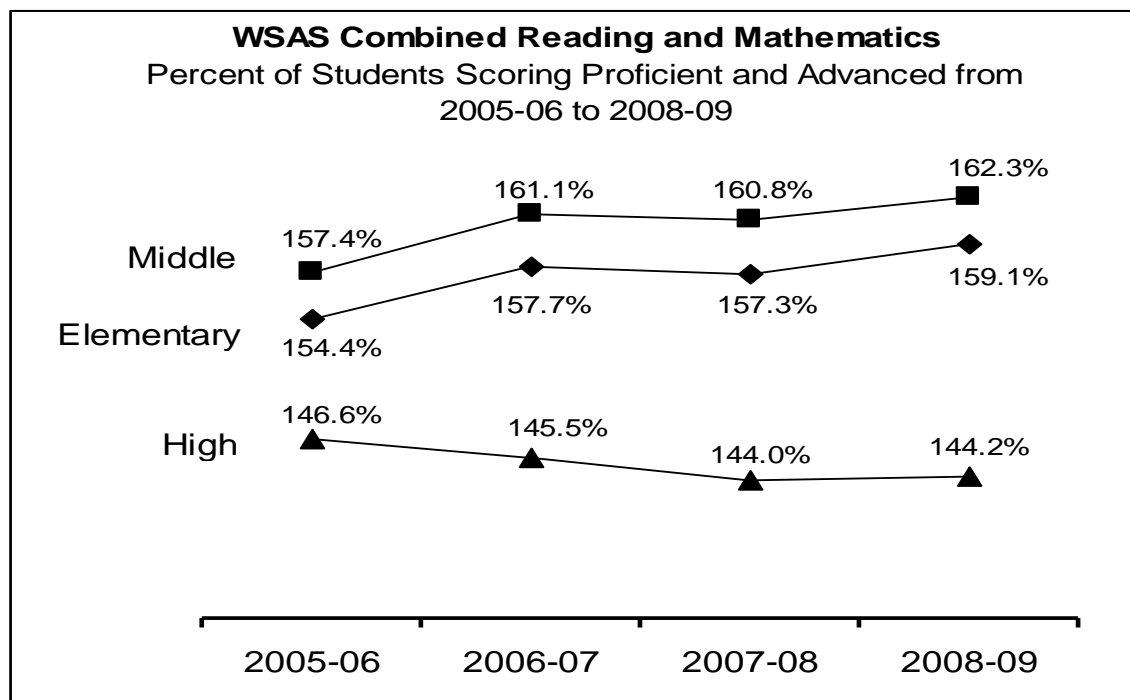
## **State of Wisconsin Definitions of Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools**

### **Tier I**

In order to identify Tier I of the persistently lowest-achieving schools, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (WDPI) started with the list of 58 Title I schools identified for improvement, corrective action, and restructuring. Based on that number and the requirements outlined in the School Improvement Grants guidance, Wisconsin's list of persistently lowest-achieving Tier I schools consists of five schools. A school was identified as "persistently low-achieving" if: it was currently identified for improvement in reading or mathematics, it had missed Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in reading and mathematics in any subgroup, it had made less than 5 percentage points worth of progress in reading and mathematics combined in the all-students group over a period up to three years, and had the lowest combined, reading and mathematics State test scores for the most recent year (2008-09). In order to determine the final rank order for identified schools, WDPI applied a weight to high schools. (see details below)

After careful consideration, schools that exclusively serve students who are over-age, under-credited, or incarcerated, were excluded from the Tier I list per the guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE). These schools will be eligible to be served as Tier III schools. WDPI also examined the graduation rates in the Title I high schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring to identify those with a graduation rate below 60 percent over the last three years. Again, after careful consideration, schools exclusively serve students who are over-age, under-credited, or incarcerated, were excluded from the Tier I list per the guidance provided by the USDE. As a result, no schools were identified as Tier I schools based on graduation rate alone. All identified Tier I schools tested more than ten full academic year (FAY) students, so WDPI will not request a waiver of the definition for Tier I schools.

In order to determine the final rank order of Title I schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, WDPI examined achievement data for categories of schools. The following chart shows combined reading and mathematics achievement data from the Wisconsin Student Assessment System for all schools over the past four years.



This chart shows a clear trend of improving achievement in elementary and middle schools, but declining achievement in high schools. Based on this data, WDPI determined that high schools (any school serving 10<sup>th</sup> grade) were more in need of intervention and that, per School Improvement Grants guidance, more weight would be given to high schools. The following weights were assigned by school type: High School 0.452, Junior High 0.333, Middle 0.336, Elementary 0.318, Combined Elementary/Secondary 0.345. This calculation resulted in an index score which was used rank all Title I schools in improvement, corrective action or restructuring. The five lowest ranking schools make up our Tier I schools.

## **Tier II**

WDPI has been given a waiver of the regulatory definition of Tier II schools in section I.A.1(b) and paragraph (a)(2) in the definition of “persistently lowest-achieving schools” in section I.A.3 of the final requirements. WDPI requested this waiver because the proficiency of the schools identified through this waiver is significantly lower than the proficiency of the schools identified according to the regulatory definition and these schools are in much greater need of the interventions required by this grant.

In order to identify Tier II of the persistently lowest-achieving schools, first WDPI identified 84 secondary schools eligible for, but that do not receive Title I funding. Next, WDPI identified 54 Title I participating secondary schools that are in the lowest quintile of schools in the state in terms of combined, reading and mathematics proficiency and are not identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools in Tier I. Finally, WDPI identified one Title I participating secondary school that missed AYP for two consecutive years and was not otherwise identified as a persistently lowest-achieving school in Tier I. This results in a pool of 139 potential Tier II schools. Based on that number and the requirements outlined in the School Improvement Grants guidance, Wisconsin’s list of persistently lowest-achieving Tier II schools consists of seven schools. A school was identified as “persistently low-achieving” if: it had made less than 5 percentage points worth of progress in reading and mathematics combined in the all-students group over a period up to three years and had the lowest combined reading and mathematics State test scores for the most recent year (2008-09). After careful consideration, schools that exclusively serve students who are over-age, under-credited, or incarcerated were excluded from the Tier II list per the guidance provided by the USDE. WDPI also examined the graduation rates in secondary schools that are

eligible for, but do not receive Title I funding, to identify those with a graduation rate below 60 percent over the last three years. Again, after careful consideration, schools that exclusively serve students who are over-age, under-credited, or incarcerated, were excluded from the Tier II list per the guidance provided by the USDE. As a result, no schools were identified as Tier II schools based on graduation rate alone.

After ranking the final list of all Tier II schools based on combined, reading and mathematics proficiency rates, one of the schools in the lowest-achieving five percent tested less than ten FAY students. After careful consideration, WDPI requested and was given a waiver of the definition in section I.A.3 of the final requirements in order to apply a “minimum n-size” of ten FAY students. WDPI does not believe that data is reliable or reflective of a school’s true achievement due to extreme volatility and unpredictability with such a small number of students tested. Therefore under the waiver granted, WDPI excluded this school from the Tier II list and instead made this school eligible to be served as a Tier III school.

The following Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III schools are listed in alphabetical order.

\* Schools that began transformation initiatives in the last year.

<b><u>Milwaukee Public Schools, NCES ID # 5509600</u></b>						
<b>SCHOOL NAME</b>	<b>NCES ID #</b>	<b>TIER I</b>	<b>TIER II</b>	<b>TIER III</b>	<b>GRAD RATE</b>	<b>NEWLY ELIGIBLE</b>
Custer High School *	550960001147	X				
DuBois High School *	550960002604	X				
Milwaukee African American Immersion High School *	550960002730	X				
Vincent High School *	550960002272	X				
WHS Law Education and Public Service *	550960002609	X				
Bay View High School *	550960001127		X			X
Bradley Tech High School *	550960001218		X			X
Downtown Institute of Arts and Letters *	550960002655		X			X
Foster & Williams *	550960002718		X			X
Madison Academic Campus *	550960002700		X			X
Marshall Montessori IB High School *	550960002706		X			X
South Division High School *	550960001247		X			X
Advanced Language & Academic Studies	550960003372			X		
Auer Avenue Elementary	550960001124			X		

Browning Elementary School	550960001132			X		
Burroughs Middle School	550960001137			X		
Career Youth Development	550960000762			X		
Carleton Elementary School	550960001138			X		
Carver Academy	550960002602			X		
El Puente High School	550960001314			X		
Fifty-Third Street Elementary School	550960001162			X		
Forest Home Elementary School	550960001163			X		
Fritsche Middle School	550960001167			X		
Genesis School of Business Technology/Trade, Health and Human Services	550960003369			X		
Grantosa Drive Elementary School	550960001176			X		
Hamilton High School	550960001180			X		
Hopkins Street Elementary School	550960001189			X		
Keefe Avenue Elementary School	550960001196			X		
Kilmer High School	550960000963			X		
King Jr. Elementary School	550960001129			X		
LaFollette Elementary School	550960001202			X		
Lancaster Elementary School	550960001204			X		
Lee Elementary School	550960001205			X		
Lincoln Avenue Elementary School	550960001206			X		
Lincoln Middle School	550960002302			X		
Lloyd Street Elementary School	550960001208			X		
Maple Tree Elementary School	550960001214			X		
Metcalf Elementary School	550960002464			X		
Milwaukee Education Center	550960000217			X		

Milwaukee Learning Lab & Institute	550960002606			X		
Northern Star School	550960002557			X		
Pulaski High School	550960001235			X		
Riverside High School	550960001237			X		
Rogers Street Academy	550960002601			X		
Roosevelt Middle School	550960001238			X		
Sherman Elementary School	550960001240			X		
Starms Discovery Learning Center	550960002442			X		
Story Elementary School	550960001249			X		
Townsend Street Elementary School	550960001258			X		
Urban Waldorf Elementary School	550960002441			X		
WHS Expeditionary Learning	550960002607			X		
WHS Information Technology	550960002608			X		

<u>Academy of Learning &amp; Leadership, NCES ID # 5500115</u>						
SCHOOL NAME	NCES ID #	TIER I	TIER II	TIER III	GRAD RATE	NEWLY ELIGIBLE
Academy of Learning & Leadership	550011503336			X		

<u>Adams-Friendship Area School District, NCES ID # 5500060</u>						
SCHOOL NAME	NCES ID #	TIER I	TIER II	TIER III	GRAD RATE	NEWLY ELIGIBLE
Adams-Friendship Middle School	550006001454			X		

<u>School District of Beloit, NCES ID # 5501050</u>						
SCHOOL NAME	NCES ID #	TIER I	TIER II	TIER III	GRAD RATE	NEWLY ELIGIBLE
Eclipse Center Charter School	550105002721			X		

<u>Business and Economics Academy, NCES ID # 5500044</u>						
SCHOOL NAME	NCES ID #	TIER I	TIER II	TIER III	GRAD RATE	NEWLY ELIGIBLE
Business and Economics Academy	550004402498			X		

<u>Madison Metropolitan School District, NCES ID # 5508520</u>						
SCHOOL NAME	NCES ID #	TIER I	TIER II	TIER III	GRAD RATE	NEWLY ELIGIBLE
Leopold Elementary School	550852000944			X		
Lincoln Elementary School	550852002263			X		

<u>Menomonee Falls School District, NCES ID # 5509060</u>						
SCHOOL NAME	NCES ID #	TIER I	TIER II	TIER III	GRAD RATE	NEWLY ELIGIBLE
Menomonee Falls High School	550906002338			X		

<u>Milwaukee Academy of Science, NCES ID # 5500042</u>						
SCHOOL NAME	NCES ID #	TIER I	TIER II	TIER III	GRAD RATE	NEWLY ELIGIBLE
Milwaukee Academy of Science	550004202234			X		

<u>Racine School District, NCES ID # 5512360</u>						
SCHOOL NAME	NCES ID #	TIER I	TIER II	TIER III	GRAD RATE	NEWLY ELIGIBLE
Knapp Elementary School	551236001628			X		